

### A SMALL FORTUNE IN THE TRUNK

IT CONTAINED \$10,000, BUT THE THIEVES  
FAILED TO FIND IT-JOHN COATES

**SHOWS HIS NERVE.**  
Camden, Nov. 24 (Special).—John Coates is a rich recluse who lives at West-st. and Bridge-ave. A couple of weeks ago a sneak thief got into his room, stole a watch, a diamond ring and a pair of cuff buttons, and missed \$5,000 in cash and \$8,000 in securities.  
News of what was left behind doubled attracted a crowd of curious persons. When the two robbers entered the old man's house, found no one and gassed him, threw him into a closet and proceeded to search for the money. One man sat on the bed and the other stuffed a bag in his pocket. The man who was sitting on the bed took the money of the robbers sat on his head the other fellow made a search of the house in quest of plunder. When the search was over the man who was sitting on the money would come into the room where the other man was sitting on the bed and say, "How much money have you making out with the old man?"

Coates was right, he would continue his search for plunder. Evidently becoming discouraged in his quest, he turned to the door of the closet and addressed Coates and said: "Look here, old man. Give us \$50 and we will do you no harm."

Coates replied mournfully: "How can I give you \$50 when I am only a poor bricklayer and am completely broke?"

"Again the burgars made a demand for \$50, and once more the man pleaded poverty. Then he said in a pleading voice: "Give me \$50."

"I wonder what the police did with the key I gave them to the front door? They will be back in five minutes," he said, and then he hurriedly left the room.

Coates had the desired effect, he was now a free man, and he departed. As Coates says he followed them closely and hurried up Bridge-ave. in search of a policeman. He found Officer Miller, who made a note of the case and then returned to his post.

down, but is a trunk on the second floor Miller found \$3,000 in cash. The \$3,000 of securities which the thief's forklift also missed had been turned over to Coates's son-in-law, Dr. O. B. Gross, who also took charge of the \$2,000.

Coates not long ago received \$5,000 from the Commission of Public Instruction in redemption of some of his bonds. The amount was paid to him in cash, and it is supposed it is a part of the \$10,000 found in his house by the police this morning.

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**EXTRAORDINARY PLEA ENTERED BY FIFTY-THREE BARROOM KEEPER OF GLOUCESTER CITY.**

room, 30-32 (special) for eighty-nine bar-rooms in the city. City was not prepared for having disorderly houses by the last Grand Jury fifty-three made a formal appearance and guilty in the Quarter Sessions Court this morning. Their plea was one of the most novel, perhaps, ever made in court. They presented to the court a petition signed by the Mayor, Alder-son, Thomas McBride and James Hutchinson, as a committee for the indicted liquor storekeepers of Camden County.

To the Hon. Edward A. Armstrong, Judge of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions of Camden County.

That we, the undersigned, have been indicted for selling liquor on Sunday in the city of Gloucester City earnestly present to your honorable court in First—that we are licensed saloonkeepers, under

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been summoned. Judge Armstrong said he would take the novel plea under consideration and announce his decision as to punishment on Tuesday.

OCEAN GROVE HOLDS OUT.

THE ASSOCIATION DECLINES TO ALLOW THE  
OCEAN DRIVEWAY TO BE BUILT

Cross THE LAKE.

Ocean Grove Nov. 24. Special.—The thirtieth annual meeting of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church came to an end this morning. The officers chosen were printed in The Tribune to-day. The following were the members of the Executive Committee, which controls the internal affairs of the religious resort: Dickey, of Ocean Grove; Judge Charles E. Hendrickson, of Mount Hope; Thomas E. Kirk, of New York; William H. Kirk, of Trenton; Judge Hendrickson and General Kirk succeeded to the office of the late, of Newark, and Holmes W. Murphy, of Freehold.

The association unanimously refused to co-operate with the proposed bridge across the northern New-Jersey Coast in the construction of bridges over the sea and of Wesley and Fletcher lakes. The proposed bridge would have cut off the existing ocean drives, whose course is

disfranchised property owners in and out of Ocean Grove, asking that the association consent to the proposed changes. The request was met with a refusal to co-operate was drawn up by Bishop James N. Fitzgerald, president of the association. In it he said the association would not consent to the bridges "would envenomate in the desecration of the quiet Holy Sabbath, Ocean Grove's greatest glory." The action of the association has already helped to place those who demand the bridges in a fighting attitude. They will demand that the legislature at the next session, and they will demand legislation which will compel Ocean Grove to recede from its policy of construction.

**PART OF HIS SKILL NOW CELLULOID.**

**A HOBOKEN MAN SUFFERING APPARENTLY**

**FATAL INJURIES NOW RECOVERING.**

When Patrick Moore, forty-two years old, of No. 75 Bloomfield-st., Hoboken, was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, that city, on September 30, the doctors said that the thirty-five year old man, who first a distance of three feet into the hold of the steamship Augustus, was injured by falling head first into the hold of the ship at Hamburg.

He struck on a pile of coal and sustained a compound, compressed fracture of the skull. His brain protruded, and particles of coal were embedded in it.

The wound was dressed, and Moore surprised all the surgeons by rallying. He fell into a coma, but the broken bone was taken out, and it is now expected that Moore will be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

**THOUGHT TO BE SKELETONS OF SOLDIERS.**  
Passaic, Nov. 24 (Special).—While excavating under an old house to-day workmen found four skeletons in standing and sitting positions. It is thought that they are the remains of Revolutionary soldiers.

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**DEATH OF A FORMER GYPSY LEADER.**  
Elizabeth, Nov. 24 (Special).—Diana Costello, seventy-six years old, who in her lifetime was a noted gypsy and one of the oldest living members of the Costello tribe of nonads, died to-day at her home, No. 505 Washington-ave., Elizabeth. The woman was born in England of pure gypsy lineage, and was married with her tribe. She was

The mother-in-law of "Queen" Lorel, who died many years ago, and whose weird and picturesque adventures took place at the home of Mrs. Costello. Mrs. Costello about twenty-five years ago gave up her roving life for her husband's sake and lived in Elizabeth. They had saved considerable money, invested part of it in Elizabeth real estate, and lived comfortably in their old age.

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